Introduced by Senator Sher

February 20, 2003

An act to repeal Section 2100 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to candidate, threatened, and endangered species.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 418, as introduced, Sher. Candidate, threatened, and endangered species.

Prior law required a commission to be established by July 1, 1997, to study the economic impact of protecting candidate, threatened, and endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act. That law was repealed October 12, 2001. Existing law contains provisions relative to that commission.

This bill would repeal those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2100 of the Fish and Game Code is 2 repealed.
- 3 2100. (a) The commission established pursuant to Section
- 4 2099 shall represent the full range of opinions and viewpoints
- 5 regarding the protection of candidate, endangered, and threatened
- 6 species and the regulatory taking of private property. The
- 7 membership of the commission shall consist of equal numbers of
- 8 persons meeting each of the following criteria:
- 9 (1) Persons who advocate the primacy of the market. This
- 10 group shall include advocates of the free market philosophy and

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representatives of regulated industries and landowners, including the extractive industries.

- (2) Persons who advocate that natural resources and endangered species are public trust resources, the protection of which should be regulated. This group shall include conservation biologists, environmental economists, historic preservationists, and others who advocate that the market should take full account of the claims of public trust values associated with protection of the public's natural heritage and the cost of environmental degradation.
- 11 (b) The California Research Bureau shall provide staffing for the commission.